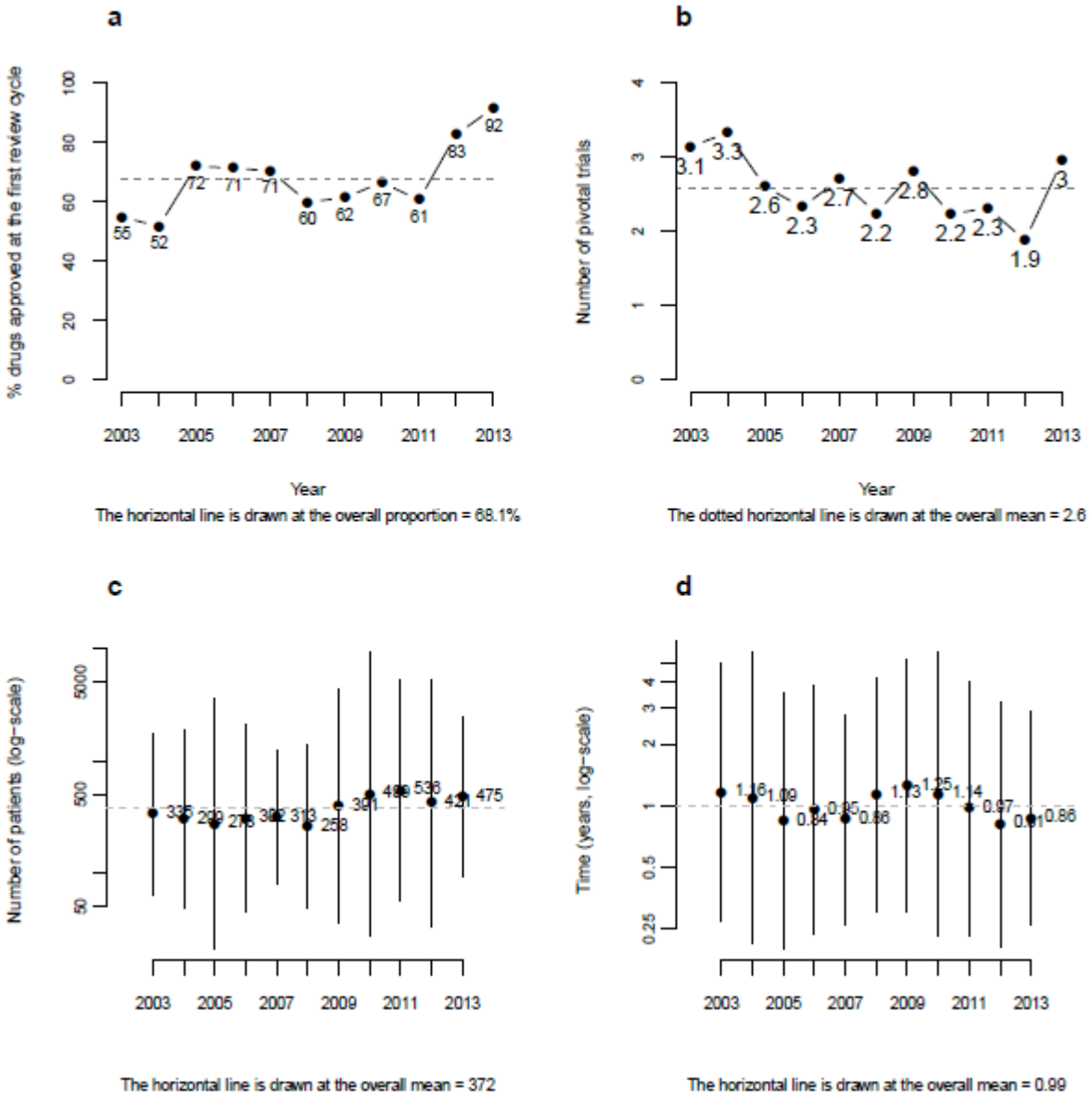
a
% drugs approved at the first review cycle
Year
The horizontal line is drawn at the overall proportion = 68.1%
b
Number of pivotal trials
Year
The dotted horizontal line is drawn at the overall mean = 2.6
c
Number of patients (log−scale)
The horizontal line is drawn at the overall mean = 372
d
Time (years, log−scale)
The horizontal line is drawn at the overall mean = 0.99

Figure S4 | **Summary of the efficiency indicators from 2003 to 2013. a** | Proportion of drugs approved at the first review cycle by year of approval. **b** | Mean (arithmetic) number of pivotal trials per drug by year of approval. **c** | Mean (± 2*standard deviation) for the average number of patients per pivotal trial by year of approval. The mean ± 2*standard deviation was calculated on the log-transformed data and then transformed back to the original scale. **d** | Mean (± 2*standard deviation) for the time from submission to approval by year of approval. The mean ± 2*standard deviation was calculated on the log-transformed data and then transformed back to the original scale.

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